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First report of the General Committee

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 22 September 1993, the General Committee considered a memorandum by the Secretary-General relating to the organization of the forty-eighth regular session and future sessions of the General Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items (A/BUR/48/1 and Add.1). A summary of the discussion will appear in the summary records of the meetings (A/BUR/48/SR.1 and 2).

2. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General in paragraph 3 of his memorandum (A/BUR/48/1), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the provisions reproduced in annexes V, VI, VII and VIII of its rules of procedure.

3. The General Committee took note of General Assembly resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993, whereby the Assembly, inter alia, established a new Special Political and Decolonization Committee and recommended that, pending further consideration of the revitalization process, the agenda items previously allocated to the former Special Political Committee and the former Fourth Committee be allocated to the new Special Political and Decolonization Committee (ibid., para. 4).

4. The General Committee also took note of the statement made by the Secretary-General to the Fifth Committee on 26 August 1993 (see A/C.5/47/SR.71), regarding the current financial situation of the United Nations and the need to introduce certain measures affecting conference services (A/BUR/48/1, para. 5). In this connection, the Committee took note of a letter dated 20 September 1993 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly (A/48/416).

## II. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

### A. General Committee

5. The General Committee took note of the General Assembly decisions relevant to its work which were brought to the Committee's attention by the Secretary-General in paragraph 6 of his memorandum (A/BUR/48/1).

### B. Rationalization of work

6. The General Committee took note (ibid., paras. 7 and 8) of the measures undertaken by the Secretary-General in pursuance of the goal of renewal and reform, in particular to recommendations 2, 3 and 7 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts to Review the Efficiency of the Administrative and Financial Functioning of the United Nations 1/ as reflected in his progress

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49 (A/41/49).

reports on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 41/213 (A/42/234, A/43/286, A/44/222) as well as a supplementary report submitted to the forty-fifth session of the Assembly (A/45/226). The Committee also took note of Assembly resolution 46/232 of 2 March 1992 on the revitalization of the United Nations Secretariat, resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and resolution 47/233 of 17 August 1993 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly. The Committee furthermore took note of the statement of the Secretary-General to the Fifth Committee on 26 August 1993.

7. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, para. 9), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that meetings requiring services to be held at Headquarters will be limited to those that can be serviced within the regular personnel establishment. This will allow no more than 63 meetings a week with services; 10 meetings per week will be kept for the Security Council and 53 meetings for the General Assembly. There will be little possibility of servicing informal consultations or working groups, or meetings of regional or other groups of Member States. It is essential that available conference services should be utilized to the full.

8. The General Committee took note of the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

## C. Closing date of the session

9. In accordance with the provisions of rule 2 of the rules of procedure, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the forty-eighth session should recess not later than Tuesday, 21 December 1993, and close on Monday, 19 September 1994. The Committee also recommends to the Assembly that all the Main Committees should start their work as soon as possible and make every effort to complete their work by Friday, 3 December 1993.

## D. Schedule of meetings

10. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, para. 12), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that morning meetings should start at 10 a.m. promptly for all plenary meetings and meetings of the Main Committees during the forty-eighth session.

11. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid.), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that services will not be available beyond 6 p.m. for week-day meetings of the Assembly - plenary meetings and Main Committees - as well as for meetings on week-ends. These measures will not apply to plenary meetings during the general debate.

12. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 13), the General Committee recommends that, in order to avoid the late start of meetings, the General Assembly should waive the requirement of the presence of at least one third of the members to declare a plenary meeting open and permit the debate to proceed and one quarter of the members to declare a meeting of the Main Committee open and permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation is made on

the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

13. In this connection, the General Committee also recommends to the General Assembly that delegations should be reminded of the utmost importance of punctuality in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations.

## E. General debate

14. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., paras. 15 and 16), the General Committee recommends that:

(a) The general debate should begin on Monday, 27 September and end on Thursday, 14 October 1993;

(b) The list of speakers in the general debate should be closed on Wednesday, 29 September, at 6 p.m.

15. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 17), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the decision taken by the Assembly at previous sessions, namely that the practice of expressing congratulations inside the General Assembly Hall after a speech had been delivered was prohibited. The Committee recommends to the Assembly that the provision should also apply at the forty-eighth session. In this connection, the Committee also recommends to the Assembly that speakers in the general debate, after delivering their statements, should leave the Assembly Hall through room GA-200 located behind the podium before returning to their seats.

## F. Explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and length of statements

16. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 18), the General Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read as follows:

"6. Explanations of vote should be limited to ten minutes.

"7. When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee.

"8. Delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item."

17. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, para. 19), the General Committee, in line with time-limits for explanations of vote and right of reply, recommends to the General Assembly that points of order should be limited to five minutes.

18. Furthermore, in connection with the length of statements, with a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as a cost-saving measure, the General Committee draws the attention of the Assembly, as it did at recent sessions, to rules 72 and 114 of the rules of procedure and paragraph 22 of annex VI thereto for appropriate action in plenary meeting and the Main Committees.

## G. Records of meetings

19. The General Committee took note of the fact that verbatim records will be provided during the forty-eighth session for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and summary records will be provided for the meetings of the General Committee and the Main Committees of the Assembly (ibid., para. 21).

20. In this connection, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the practice not to reproduce in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the forty-eighth session (ibid., para. 22).

## H. Concluding statements

21. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 24), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 17 of its decision 34/401, which reads as follows:

> "17. To save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers."

## I. Resolutions

22. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 25), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 32 of its decision 34/401, which reads as follows:

> "32. Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted."

23. Furthermore, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., paras. 26 and 27), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 3 (f) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"(f) Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question."

The Committee also draws the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 1 and 10 of the annex to resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annex VIII).

24. In this connection, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that the Assembly should exercise maximum restraint in making requests or proposals that may incur additional expenditure for the Organization.

## J. Documentation

25. On the proposal of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, para. 29), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 28 of its decision 34/401, which reads as follows:

"28. The General Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned."

26. The General Committee took note of the fact that, despite the provisions adopted by the General Assembly to control and limit documentation, the volume of pre-session documentation has consistently increased in recent years, without any strengthening of resources, thus contributing to serious delays in the issuance of documentation (ibid., para. 30).

27. The General Committee also took note of the fact that, in view of the current grave financial crisis facing the United Nations, only two copies of official documents will be distributed to permanent missions and that the practice of simultaneous distribution of documents in all languages will be modified. As working languages of the Secretariat, the English and French versions of pre-session documents will be issued simultaneously. Documents in the other language versions will be issued later, if they are not ready at the same time. Draft resolutions and decisions and the reports of the Main Committees will continue to be distributed simultaneously in all languages (ibid., para. 31). In this connection, the General Committee draws the attention of the Assembly to the fact that, following statements by several delegations expressing concern regarding these measures, the President of the General Assembly undertook to discuss the matter with the Secretary-General in order to find a solution.

## K. Questions related to the programme budget

28. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., paras. 32 and 33), who referred to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, the General Committee draws the

General Assembly's attention to paragraphs 12 and 13 of its decision 34/401, which read as follows:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work.
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> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
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> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
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> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

The General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, which reads as follows:

> "6. Decides that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

29. Also at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 32), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to regulation 4.9 of the Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (resolution 37/234, annex), which reads as follows:

> "Regulation 4.9. No Council, Commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

30. In connection with subparagraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401 quoted above, the General Committee wishes to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the

observations of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, paras. 34 and 35), regarding the fact that, depending on the type and complexity of proposals involving changes in the work-programme and additional expenditures, the preparation of a statement of programme budget implications by the Secretary-General may take a few days. In addition, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee need adequate time to review the programme budget implications of a draft resolution before the latter can be acted on by the Assembly. The Secretary-General thus considers it desirable that Member States submit proposals involving statements of programme budget implications sufficiently in advance to avoid the cancellation of meetings and the postponement of consideration of items.

## L. Observances and commemorative meetings

31. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 36), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that, allowing for the necessary flexibility and with the exception of the anniversary of the United Nations, the Assembly adopt the following format for commemorative meetings: statements by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General, statements by the chairmen of the five regional groups and by the representative of the host country. The Committee also recommends that consideration be given to limiting each statement to 15 minutes.

32. The General Committee further recommends, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 37), that observances and commemorative meetings should take place, as far as possible, immediately following the general debate. The advantage of such a procedure is that it may facilitate the participation of dignitaries attending the general debate. This procedure would also allow advance planning of the Assembly's work.

## M. Special conferences

33. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, para. 38), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences, adopted by the Assembly in paragraph (b) of its decision 34/405, which reads as follows:

> "(b) The Committee, taking into account difficulties encountered in ensuring adequate preparation of meetings, including timely distribution of documentation, as well as the ability of Member States to participate fully, recommends that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55."

The General Committee also draws the Assembly's attention to recommendation 2 (d) of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts, which reads as follows:

"Until 1978, a number of resolutions had requested that only one major conference be scheduled annually. The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented."

34. Furthermore, at the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 39), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to the relevant provisions of recommendation 4 of the Group of High-level Intergovernmental Experts which reads as follows:

"The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for."

## N. Meetings of subsidiary organs

35. The General Committee, in the light of recommendations submitted by the Committee on Conferences (A/48/417), recommends to the General Assembly, on the strict understanding that meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, that the following subsidiary organs should be authorized to meet during the forty-eighth session:

(a) Advisory Committee on the United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa;

(b) Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(c) Committee of Trustees of the United Nations Trust Fund for South Africa;

(d) Committee on Conferences;

(e) Committee on Relations with the Host Country;

(f) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(g) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund;

(h) Intergovernmental Group to Monitor the Supply and Shipping of Oil and Petroleum Products to South Africa;

(i) Preparatory Committee for the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations;

(j) Special Committee against Apartheid;

(k) Special Committee to Select the Winners of the United Nations Human Rights Prize;

(l) Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

## III. OBSERVATIONS AND PROPOSALS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF FUTURE SESSIONS

36. The General Committee took note of the views of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, paras. 40 and 41). The agenda of the General Assembly reflects the concern of Member States with a myriad of issues spanning political, economic, social and financial fields. The growing complexity of many global issues and their increasingly interdisciplinary nature pose a challenge to the Organization's ability to respond swiftly. The Assembly is faced with many items that require timely and purposeful consideration, often under stringent deadlines. It is therefore imperative that it continue to improve its operating procedures so as to organize its work effectively and make optimum use of the time available.

37. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (ibid., para. 42), the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it consider whether the rationalization of its meetings between January and August is possible to allow advance planning for delegations and the Secretariat. During the past few years, the Assembly has met frequently between January and August. Most recently, during the forty-seventh session, it met every month from January to September. These meetings, with the exception of those related to items of the First Committee, were not envisaged in the calendar of meetings and therefore ad hoc arrangements had to be made to continue to provide adequate Secretariat services at the expense of other requirements.

## IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

38. The General Committee considered the draft agenda of the forty-eighth session submitted by the Secretary-General in his memorandum (A/BUR/48/1 and Add.1). All the items contained in the draft agenda formed part of the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda of the forty-eighth session (A/48/150 and Corr.1);

(b) Supplementary list (A/48/200);

(c) Requests for the inclusion of additional items (A/48/231, A/48/232).

39. The General Committee decided to recommend, as suggested by the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, para. 44), that the General Assembly direct its Main Committees to review their agenda with a view to streamlining their programme of work. In particular, the Main Committees should consider:

(a) The grouping of related items under a single heading;

(b) The staggering of items over two or more years.

40. With regard to item 38 of the draft agenda (Policies of apartheid of the Government of South Africa), the General Committee decided to recommend that the wording of the item should be changed to read "Elimination of apartheid and establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa".

41. In connection with item 41 of the draft agenda (Emergency international assistance for the reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan), the General Committee decided to recommend that the wording of the item should be modified to read "Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan".

42. With regard to item 89 of the draft agenda (Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India), the General Committee decided to recommend that the consideration of the item should be deferred to the forty-ninth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

43. In connection with item 121 of the draft agenda (Question of East Timor), the General Committee decided to recommend that the consideration of the item should be deferred to the forty-ninth session and that the item should be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

44. With regard to item 157 of the draft agenda (Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy), the General Committee decided to recommend its inclusion as a sub-item of item 109 of the draft agenda (Right of peoples to self-determination).

45. With regard to item 158 of the draft agenda (Consideration of the exceptional situation of the Republic of China in Taiwan in the international context, based on the principle of universality and in accordance with the established model of parallel representation of divided countries at the United Nations), the General Committee decided not to recommend its inclusion.

46. Taking into account paragraphs 38 to 45 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following agenda: 2/

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Bulgaria (P.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (P.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly (P.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

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2/ Abbreviations used in the present document:
(P. ): item on the provisional agenda (A/48/150 and Corr.1);
(S. ): item on the supplementary list (A/48/200);
(A. ): additional items (A/48/231, A/48/232).

(b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (P.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (P.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (P.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (P.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (P.8).

9. General debate (P.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (P.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (P.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council (P.12).

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (P.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (P.14).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (P.15):

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (P.16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

(c) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(d) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (P.17):

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission;

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (P.18).

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (P.19).

20. Forty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (P.20).

21. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (P.21).

22. University for Peace (P.22).

23. Programmes and activities to promote peace in the world (P.23).

24. United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (P.24).

25. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (P.25).

26. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (P.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (P.27).

28. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (P.28).

29. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (P.29).

30. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (P.30).

31. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (P.31).

32. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States (P.32).

33. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (P.33).

34. The situation in the Middle East (P.34).

35. Question of Palestine (P.35).

36. Law of the sea (P.36).

37. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (P.37).

38. Elimination of apartheid and establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa (P.38). 3/

39. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (P.39).

40. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (P.40).

41. Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan (P.41). 4/

42. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (P.42).

43. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (P.43).

44. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (P.44).

45. International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters (P.45).

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47. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (P.47).

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3/ See para. 40.

4/ See para. 41.

48. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (P.48).

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57. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (P.57).

58. Reduction of military budgets (P.58):

    (a) Reduction of military budgets;

    (b) Transparency of military expenditures.

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70. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (P.70).

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    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

    (c) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

    (d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

    (e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

    (f) Regional disarmament;

    (g) Transparency in armaments;

    (h) International arms transfers;

    (i) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale.

72. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (P.72):

    (a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

    (b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

    (c) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

    (d) Nuclear-arms freeze;

    (e) Regional confidence-building measures;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

73. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (P.73):

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(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

74. Israeli nuclear armament (P.74).

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81. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (P.81).

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83. Effects of atomic radiation (P.83).

84. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (P.84).

85. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (P.85).

86. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (P.86).

87. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (P.87).

88. Questions relating to information (P.88).

89. Science and peace (P.90).

90. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (P.91).

91. Development and international economic cooperation (P.92):

    (a) Trade and development;

    (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

    (c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

    (d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

    (e) Environment;

    (f) Desertification and drought;

    (g) Human settlements;

    (h) Science and technology for development;

    (i) Entrepreneurship;

    (j) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

92. External debt crisis and development (P.93).

93. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (P.94).

94. Operational activities for development (P.95):

    (a) United Nations Development Programme;

    (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

    (c) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

    (d) United Nations Volunteers programme.

95. International cooperation for economic growth and development (P.96):

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.

96. International Conference on Population and Development (P.97).

97. International conference on the financing of development (P.98).

98. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (P.99).

99. Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (P.100):

(a) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa;

(b) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

100. Special programmes of economic assistance (P.101).

101. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (P.102).

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105. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (P.106).

106. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (P.107).

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108. Right of peoples to self-determination (P.109):

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109. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (P.110).

110. Crime prevention and criminal justice (P.111).

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112. International drug control (P.113).

113. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (P.114).

114. Human rights questions (P.115):

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives.

115. Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia (P.116).

116. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (P.117).

117. Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (P.118).

118. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (P.119).

119. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (P.120).

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120. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (P.122):

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

121. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (P.123).

122. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (P.124).

123. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (P.125).

124. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (P.126).

125. Joint Inspection Unit (P.127).

126. Pattern of conferences (P.128).

127. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (P.129).

128. United Nations common system (P.130).

129. United Nations pension system (P.131).

130. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (P.132):

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

131. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (P.133).

132. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (P.134):

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

(b) Other activities.

133. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (P.135).

134. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (P.136).

135. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (P.137).

136. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force (P.138).

137. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) (P.139).

138. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (P.140):

(a) Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations;

(b) Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232 (S.2).

139. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (P.141).

140. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (P.142).

141. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (P.143).

142. United Nations Decade of International Law (P.144).

143. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-fifth session (P.145).

144. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-sixth session (P.146).

145. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (P.147).

146. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (P.148).

147. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (P.149).

148. Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (P.150).

149. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (P.151).

150. Observer status for the Economic Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly (P.152).

151. United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation (P.153).

152. Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice (P.154).

153. Observer status for the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the General Assembly (P.155).

154. United Nations interim offices (P.156).

155. Assistance in mine clearance (S.3).

156. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (S.4).

157. Observer status for the Latin American Parliament in the General Assembly (S.5).

158. Observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the General Assembly (A.1).

159. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993).

160. Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993).

161. Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (A.2).

## V. ALLOCATION OF ITEMS

47. At the suggestion of the Secretary-General (A/BUR/48/1, para. 46), the General Committee draws the General Assembly's attention to paragraph 4 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which reads as follows:

> "4. Substantive items should normally be discussed initially in a Main Committee and, therefore, items previously allocated to plenary meetings should henceforth be referred to a Main Committee unless there are compelling circumstances requiring their continued consideration in plenary meeting."

The General Committee also draws the attention of the Assembly to the relevant paragraphs of resolution 39/88 B and resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII). Paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 39/88 B reads as follows:

> "5. The Chairmen of the Main Committees should take the initiative, in the light of past experience, to propose the grouping of similar or related items and the holding of a single general debate on them."

Paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 45/45 reads as follows:

> "6. In making recommendations as to how agenda items should be allocated to the Main Committees and the plenary of the General Assembly,

the General Committee should ensure the best use of the expertise of the Committees."

48. Taking into account the recommendations in section IV above regarding the inclusion of items in the agenda, the General Committee approved the allocation of items contained in paragraph 58 of the Secretary-General's memorandum (A/BUR/48/1 and Add.1) with the following modifications:

(a) Plenary meetings

(i) Item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly should refer to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/48/23) relating to specific Territories so that the Assembly might deal in plenary meeting with the question of the implementation of the Declaration as a whole.

(ii) Item 38 (Elimination of apartheid and establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the representatives of the Organization of African Unity and of national liberation movements recognized by that organization would be permitted to participate in the discussion in plenary meeting and that organizations and individuals having a special interest in the question would be permitted to be heard by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

(iii) Item 41 (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan)

Item 45 (International assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Nicaragua: aftermath of the war and natural disasters)

The General Committee decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of the items.

(iv) Item 46 (Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas))

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that bodies and individuals having an interest in the question would be heard in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in conjunction with the consideration of the item in plenary meeting.

(v) Item 54 (Question of Cyprus)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the General Assembly allocate the item at an appropriate time during the session.

(vi) Item 150 (Observer status for the Economic Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(vii) Item 151 (United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(viii) Item 153 (Observer status for the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the General Assembly)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(ix) Item 154 (United Nations interim offices)

The General Committee decided to defer its recommendation on the allocation of the item.

(x) Item 155 (Assistance in mine clearance)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(xi) Item 157 (Observer status for the Latin American Parliament in the General Assembly)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(xii) Item 158 (Observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the General Assembly)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) First Committee

(i) Item 71 (General and complete disarmament)

The General Committee decided to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/48/341), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 71.

(ii) Item 156 (Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the First Committee.

(c) Third Committee

(i) Item 108 (b) (Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item should be allocated to the Third Committee on the understanding that it would be introduced in plenary meeting and considered in the Third Committee.

(ii) Item 109 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in the light of resolution 47/237 of 20 September 1993, the launching of the International Year of the Family should be held on Tuesday, 7 December 1993, in the morning.

(iii) Item 111 (Advancement of women)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 94 (Operational activities for development).

(iv) Item 112 (International drug control)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in the light of paragraph 1 of resolution 47/99 of 16 December 1992, the plenary meetings should be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 26 and 27 October 1993.

(v) Item 114 (b) (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that, in the light of decision 47/429 of 18 December 1992, the ceremony for the award of the human rights prizes in 1993 should be held on Friday, 10 December 1993, on the occasion of the celebration of the forty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in plenary meeting.

(d) Fifth Committee

(i) Item 125 (Joint Inspection Unit)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit dealing with subject-matters assigned to other Main Committees would be referred also to those Committees.

(ii) Item 138 (b) (Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

(e) Sixth Committee

(i) Item 152 (Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

(ii) Item 161 (Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations)

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be allocated to the Sixth Committee.

49. Taking into account paragraphs 47 and 48 above, the General Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following allocation of items: 6/

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6/ The numbering in parentheses used in the allocation of items (D. ) follows the draft agenda in section IV (para. 46).

Plenary meetings

1. Opening of the session by the Chairman of the delegation of Bulgaria (D.1).

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation (D.2).

3. Credentials of representatives to the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly (D.3):

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly (D.4).

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees (D.5).

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly (D.6).

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (D.7).

8. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: reports of the General Committee (D.8).

9. General debate (D.9).

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (D.10).

11. Report of the Security Council (D.11).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III, V (section C), VIII and IX] (D.12). 7/

13. Report of the International Court of Justice (D.13).

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (D.14). 8/

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7/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

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| (a) | Chapters I and IX ..... | Second, Third and Fifth Committees |
| (b) | Chapter III ..... | Second Committee |
| (c) | Chapter V (section C) ..... | Second and Third Committees |

8/ See para. 48 (b) (i).

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs (D.15):

(a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

(b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council;

(c) Election of five members of the International Court of Justice.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections (D.16):

(a) Election of twenty-nine members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(b) Election of twelve members of the World Food Council;

(c) Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

(d) Election of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (D.17): 9/

(g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

(h) Appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit;

(i) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

18. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (D.18). 10/

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations (D.19).

20. Forty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (D.20). 11/

21. Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin (D.21).

22. University for Peace (D.22).

23. Programmes and activities to promote peace in the world (D.23).

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9/ For sub-items (a) to (f), see "Fifth Committee", item 24.

10/ See para. 48 (a) (i).

11/ See para. 48 (c) (v).

24. United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s (D.24).

25. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte (D.25).

26. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (D.26).

27. Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States (D.27).

28. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System (D.28).

29. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (D.29).

30. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba (D.30).

31. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (D.31).

32. Complete withdrawal of foreign military forces from the territories of the Baltic States (D.32).

33. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council (D.33).

34. The situation in the Middle East (D.34).

35. Question of Palestine (D.35).

36. Law of the sea (D.36).

37. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic (D.37).

38. Elimination of apartheid and establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa (D.38). 12/

39. United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa (D.39).

40. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development (D.40).

41. The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (D.42).

42. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity (D.43).

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12/ See para. 48 (a) (ii). See also para. 40.

43. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations (D.44).

44. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (D.46). 13/

45. Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations in 1995 (D.47).

46. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (D.48).

47. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (D.49).

48. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development (D.50).

49. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations (D.51).

50. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (D.52).

51. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly (D.53).

52. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (D.55).

53. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (D.56).

54. Observer status for the Economic Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly (D.150). 14/

55. United Nations initiative on opportunity and participation (D.151). 15/

56. Observer status for the Permanent Court of Arbitration in the General Assembly (D.153). 16/

57. Assistance in mine clearance (D.155). 17/

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13/ See para. 48 (a) (iv).

14/ See para. 48 (a) (vi).

15/ See para. 48 (a) (vii).

16/ See para. 48 (a) (viii).

17/ See para. 48 (a) (x).

58. Observer status for the Latin American Parliament in the General Assembly (D.157). 18/

59. Observer status for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in the General Assembly (D.158). 19/

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18/ See para. 48 (a) (xi).

19/ See para. 48 (a) (xii).

First Committee

1. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament (D.57).

2. Reduction of military budgets (D.58):

   (a) Reduction of military budgets;

   (b) Transparency of military expenditures.

3. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament agreements (D.59).

4. Education and information for disarmament (D.60).

5. Chemical and bacteriological (biological) weapons (D.61).

6. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (D.62).

7. The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields (D.63).

8. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (D.64).

9. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (D.65).

10. Comprehensive nuclear-test-ban treaty (D.66).

11. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (D.67).

12. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (D.68).

13. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (D.69).

14. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (D.70).

15. General and complete disarmament (D.71): 20/

   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

   (b) Prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling and use of radiological weapons;

   (c) Prohibition of the production of fissionable material for weapons purposes;

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20/ See para. 48 (b) (i).

(d) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Regional disarmament;

(g) Transparency in armament;

(h) International arms transfer;

(i) Conventional disarmament on a regional scale.

16. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (D.72):

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme;

(b) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(c) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(d) Nuclear-arms freeze;

(e) Regional confidence-building measures;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

17. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (D.73):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Status of multilateral disarmament agreements;

(d) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(e) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

18. Israeli nuclear armament (D.74).

19. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (D.75).

20. Question of Antarctica (D.76).

21. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (D.77).

22. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (D.78).

23. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (D.79).

24. Maintenance of international security (D.80).

25. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (D.81).

26. Implementation of the Declaration on the Denuclearization of Africa (D.82).

27. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (D.156). 21/

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21/ See para. 48 (b) (ii).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee
(Fourth Committee)

1. Effects of atomic radiation (D.83).

2. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space (D.84).

3. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (D.85).

4. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (D.86).

5. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects (D.87).

6. Questions relating to information (D.88).

7. Science and peace (D.89).

8. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations (D.90).

9. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations (D.116).

10. Activities of those foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa (D.117).

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (D.118).

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapter V (section A)] (D.12). 22/

13. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories (D.120).

14. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (D.18). 23/

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22/ Chapter V (section A) would be referred also to the Second, Third and Fifth Committees.

23/ See para. 48 (a) (i).

15. Elimination of apartheid and establishment of a united, democratic and non-racial South Africa (D.38). 24/

16. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (D.46). 25/

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24/ See para. 48 (a) (ii). See also para. 40.

25/ See para. 48 (a) (iv).

Second Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, III, IV, V (sections A and C to I), VI and IX] (D.12). 26/

2. Development and international economic cooperation (D.91):

   (a) Trade and development;

   (b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

   (c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development;

   (d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

   (e) Environment;

   (f) Desertification and drought;

   (g) Human settlements;

   (h) Science and technology for development;

   (i) Entrepreneurship;

   (j) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

3. External debt crisis and development (D.92).

4. International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries (D.93).

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26/ The chapters of the report listed below would be referred also to plenary meetings and to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Third and Fifth Committees, as follows:

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| (a) | Chapters I and IX ..... | Plenary meetings and Third and Fifth Committees |
| (b) | Chapter III ..... | Plenary meetings |
| (c) | Chapter V (section A) ..... | Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Third and Fifth Committees |
| (d) | Chapter V (section C) ..... | Plenary meetings and Third Committee |

5. Operational activities for development (D.94): 27/

   (a) United Nations Development Programme;

   (b) United Nations Capital Development Fund;

   (c) United Nations technical cooperation activities;

   (d) United Nations Volunteers programme.

6. International cooperation for economic growth and development (D.95):

   (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

   (b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.

7. International Conference on Population and Development (D.96).

8. International conference on the financing of development (D.97).

9. International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (D.98).

10. Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (D.99):

   (a) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa;

   (b) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

11. Special programmes of economic assistance (D.100).

12. International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (D.101).

13. Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador (D.102).

14. International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery (D.103).

15. Human resources development (D.104).

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27/ See para. 48 (c) (iii).

16. Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster (D.105).

17. Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research (D.106).

Third Committee

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters I, II, V (sections A, C and J), VII and IX] (D.12). 28/

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination (D.107).

3. Right of peoples to self-determination (D.108):

   (a) Right of peoples to self-determination;

   (b) Effective realization of the right of self-determination through autonomy. 29/

4. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family (D.109). 30/

5. Crime prevention and criminal justice (D.110).

6. Advancement of women (D.111). 31/

7. International drug control (D.112). 32/

8. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (D.113).

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| (a) | Chapters I and IX ..... | Plenary meetings and Second and Fifth Committees |
| (b) | Chapter V (section A) ..... | Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Second and Fifth Committees |
| (c) | Chapter V (section C) ..... | Plenary meetings and Second Committee |

29/ See para. 48 (c) (i).

30/ See para. 48 (c) (ii).

31/ See para. 48 (c) (iii).

32/ See para. 48 (c) (iv).

9. Human rights questions (D.114):

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms; 33/

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives.

10. Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia (D.115).

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33/ See para. 48 (c) (v).

Fifth Committee

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (D.120):

   (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

   (b) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (D.121).

3. Programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 (D.122).

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 (D.123).

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (D.124).

6. Joint Inspection Unit (D.125). 34/

7. Pattern of conferences (D.126).

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (D.127).

9. United Nations common system (D.128).

10. United Nations pension system (D.129).

11. Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping forces in the Middle East (D.130):

   (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

12. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (D.131).

13. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) (D.132):

   (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

   (b) Other activities.

14. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (D.133).

15. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (D.134).

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34/ See para. 48 (d) (i).

16. Financing of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (D.135).

17. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force (D.136).

18. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II) (D.137).

19. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations (D.138):

    (a) Financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations;

    (b) Relocation of Belarus and Ukraine to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232. 35/

20. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (D.149).

21. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (D.159).

22. Financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Force in Cyprus (D.160).

23. Report of the Economic and Social Council [chapters, I, V (sections A and B) and IX] (D.12). 36/

24. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments (D.17): 37/

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

    (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors;

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35/ See para. 48 (d) (ii).

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|---|---|---|
| (a) | Chapters I and IX ..... | Plenary meetings and Second and Third Committees |
| (b) | Chapter V (section A) ..... | Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), Second and Third Committees |

37/ For sub-items (g) to (i), see "Plenary meetings", item 17.

(d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission.

Sixth Committee

1. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law (D.139).

2. Measures to eliminate international terrorism (D.140).

3. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (D.141).

4. United Nations Decade of International Law (D.142).

5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its forty-fifth session (D.143).

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its twenty-sixth session (D.144).

7. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (D.145).

8. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (D.146).

9. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property (D.147).

10. Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice (D.148).

11. Question of responsibility for attacks on United Nations and associated personnel and measures to ensure that those responsible for such attacks are brought to justice (D.152). 38/

12. Review of the procedure provided for under article 11 of the statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations (D.161). 39/

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38/ See para. 48 (e) (i).

39/ See para. 48 (e) (ii).